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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Chair recognizes Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I had received a number of calls from people in the industry. Also there are now some residential homes, of course, that go over that 150,000 BTU threshold, and so this raises that to 200,000 BTUs. It certainly is more acceptable to those in the apartment industry, to those who are building larger homes. I thank Senator Hilgert for bringing this bill forward. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Seeing no other discussion, Senator Hilgert waives closing. Motion before is the advancement of LB 66 to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 66.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 66 is advanced to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 168, Mr. President, by Senator Hilgert. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 8 of this year, at that time referred to the Business and Labor Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes Senator Hilgert to open on LB 168.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President. LB 168, again, was brought to me by the Department of Labor. It clarifies that "renumeration"...remuneration received under a contract of hire is wages within the meaning of the Nebraska Employment Security Law. It also provides that the ABC test for determining whether a worker is an employee or an independent contractor will be applied to all workers as was intended by the Legislature when it passed LB 745 back in 1984. In addition, it would codify the exemption from unemployment coverage currently applicable to newspaper distributors. This was brought...I think the